

The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

Intelligence Community Staff

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Mr. Charles W. Snodgrass
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Snodgrass:

Attached find our answers to the supplementary Questions for
the Record which were submitted by Congressman Burlison at the
11 April 1978 NFIP Hearing.

Sincerely,



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Reorganization/Management

QUESTION 1: Executive Order 12036, like its predecessor, confers upon the DCI responsibility for oversight of national foreign intelligence activities. What review process have you instigated to assure that all foreign intelligence has been included in the NFIP? Have you contacted any other agencies or organizations not currently represented within the NFIP to determine which conduct foreign intelligence activities (i.e. Coast Guard)? If not, do you intend to do so?

RESPONSE: All foreign intelligence has not been included in the NFIP and it is not deemed appropriate to do so. The primary exception is tactical intelligence housed in the Department of Defense. Beyond that, there are minor but important intelligence inputs from agencies such as the Coast Guard, the Drug Enforcement Agency, Immigration and Naturalization Service, etc. It is not deemed wise or appropriate to place any portion of the budgets of these agencies within the NFIP primarily because they are so exclusively law enforcement agencies and the foreign intelligence product is such a small portion of what they do.

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QUESTION 2: E.O. 12036 directs that the DCI shall have specific responsibilities in the realm of budget execution. Since the power of expenditure remains with the separate Services and agencies, what do you view your role to be in this phase of the budget cycle? How would this be carried out? Would additional personnel be required and, if so, how many?

RESPONSE: I view my role to be one of monitoring the rate of disbursement of funds appropriated by the Congress and making recommendations to the appropriate head of department if that rate of disbursement is not supportive of the National Foreign Intelligence Program. Further, my role in reprogramming is increased considerably under the following provisions of Executive Order 12036:

"The DCI shall have full and exclusive authority for reprogramming NFIP funds ..."

The total added manpower for these functions will be in the range of two or three people.

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QUESTION 3: In the FY 79 NFIP budget, there is a large percentage of the resources which are earmarked for ADP and ADP support services. Will your new organizations include an ADP management element responsible for all Community ADP efforts? Will this management element serve in a technical advisory capacity or will it play a management and oversight role? What impact do you believe this element will have on NFIP ADP?

25X1 RESPONSE: Yes. A [] office will be established under the Deputy for Resource Management. He will be entrusted with both the technical advisory capacity and the management and oversight roles. Primary impact is intended to be ensuring that there is compatibility between various ADP programs within the Community where compatibility is necessary or desirable; ensuring that there is no overlap or competition between ADP programs but rather close coordination; and ensuring that from a Community-wide point of view, we are anticipating ADP requirements of the next decade at least.

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QUESTION 4: E.O. 12036 states that the DCI is responsible for providing planning and programming guidance based upon the Policy Review Committee (PRC) policy and priorities. Has the PRC met and provided you this policy guidance for FY 80? Have your planning priorities been established and FY 80 guidance documents provided to NFIP activities?

RESPONSE: The PRC(I) has met. The discussions at the meetings themselves have provided preliminary guidance; the actual delivery of written guidance to the DCI has not yet occurred but should take place very soon. In the meantime, DCI planning priorities for FY 1980 and appropriate guidance to the Program Managers have been provided. It will be revised if necessary.

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National Intelligence Tasking Center (NITC)

QUESTION 5: Would you describe in detail the planned organization and responsibilities of the National Intelligence Tasking Center (NITC) and how this compares to the existing DCI Committee procedures?

RESPONSE: The Deputy for Collection Tasking would absorb the functions and responsibilities of the DCI Committees. In addition, we will establish in the National Intelligence Tasking Center the capability to look at the problems of collection intelligence across the three disciplines of the collection committees (human intelligence, signals intelligence, and imagery intelligence). The greatest weakness in our intelligence collection process today is that there is no mechanism for ensuring that we are going to apply just the right amount of collection assets and that we are going to consider all possible collection assets when tackling a problem. Today the DCI must go to a whole series of committees and Program Managers to ensure that this is done properly. The new NITC would take an individual collection problem--be it formed on a geographic basis or some topical basis--and consider what the best mix of human intelligence, signals intelligence, and imagery intelligence will be to meet that requirement. The NITC will then provide guidance to the basic collection committees to ensure that they each play their appropriate role in fulfilling the requirements which customers have placed on the collection community.

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QUESTION 6: Will the various DCI Collection Committees continue? What will be their structure and functions?

RESPONSE: In essence, the collection committees of the Intelligence Community Staff will continue as the Office of Photographic Intelligence Tasking, the Office of Human Intelligence Tasking, and the Office of Signals Intelligence Tasking. Their structure will be very similar to that of the present. There will be a gradual evolution to their structure and functions if and when experience provides ways to improve their effectiveness.

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QUESTION 7: Could you explain how the NITC will be manned? Let's start with the FY 78 appropriated manning of [] spaces in the Intelligence Community Staff and track the numbers and organizational changes to your revised configuration for the IC Staff.

RESPONSE: There are [] spaces authorized in the Intelligence Community Staff. These will be divided in [] for the Deputy for Resource Management and [] for the Deputy for Collection Tasking. [] spaces for the Deputy for Collection Tasking will be augmented by [] spaces. The total of [] spaces will be distributed as follows:

- o [] in the Imagery Committee and will constitute the Office of Photo Intelligence Tasking.
- o [] in the SIGINT Committee and will compose the Office of Signals Intelligence Tasking. This includes an augmentation of [] spaces to the existing Committee to meet the requirements of an expanded work load.
- o [] in the HUMINT Committee and will compose the Office of Human Intelligence Tasking. This includes an augmentation of [] spaces to establish a new human source tasking requirements function.
- o [] positions are being requested for the National Intelligence Tasking Office to perform the coordinating function among the three offices of tasking.
- o [] positions are requested for an Office of Collection Evaluation, which will perform the function of reviewing present and possible future effectiveness of the mix of collection systems.
- o [] positions are requested for a Policy Group to prepare proposals for the PRC(I), handle DCID 1/2, and examine long term collection issues.
- o [] positions are requested for the Office of the Deputy for Collection Tasking and administrative support.

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25X1 QUESTION 8: How many of these spaces are actually reimbursed to other agencies or services?

25X1 RESPONSE: Spaces are encumbered by personnel detailed from other Agencies or Services for which we reimburse them from our appropriation.
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QUESTION 9: Are there any non-reimbursed spaces or personnel performing IC Staff functions? If so, how many and what functions do they perform?

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RESPONSE: There are at present [] non-reimbursed personnel serving with the IC Staff. Of the [] are performing IC Staff functions as follows: [] are serving with the DCI's Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation (COMIREX). Their functions involve providing primary support for the assessment and improvement of the performance of national foreign intelligence imagery activities, projects and systems. [] are non-professionals who provide administrative clerical support. [] serves with the SIGINT Committee and works on the development and maintenance of the National SIGINT Requirements System (NSRS) and evaluates the responsiveness of the U.S. SIGINT System to validate requirements. Permanent billets will be requested for these positions in the next budget submission.

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[] non-reimbursed personnel are performing non-IC Staff functions. [] are in Career Development/Executive Training programs of DoD, their parent organization; [] serve in a liaison capacity between their parent organization and the IC Staff; and [] serve on Ad Hoc Community task forces and will return to their parent organizations by or before the end of FY 1978 when their work will be completed.

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QUESTION 11: Where will the NITC be located and what will be the responsibilities of its host organization?

RESPONSE: That portion of the NITC which deals with the management of collection assets for indications and warning and crisis management will be colocated with the Collection Coordination Facility (CCF) in the Pentagon. The remainder of the NITC will be located at the Intelligence Community building [] or in the CIA facility at Langley. Support arrangements between the host units and the NITC have not been established. Once final arrangements have been established, details will be worked out to obtain efficient and economic support from available resources.

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QUESTION 13: What procedures will be established to permit military and other Intelligence Community organizations to request tasking of a specific collection system vis-a-vis requesting some type of information thereby allowing organizational tradeoffs with organic collection resources?

RESPONSE: Where National collection assets are involved, they will simply make their requests through the NITC, being specific as to how they want their requests fulfilled and why. This will help the NITC make final judgments as to how best to satisfy their needs. NITC and the CCF, operating in concert, will seek to put together the optimum mix of National and tactical collection tasking to meet such requirements.

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QUESTION 14: Will Intelligence Community organizations be provided with sufficient information concerning the capabilities and limitations of various collection systems to make these tradeoffs?

RESPONSE: Yes, such information is readily available today through the three collection committees and will be through the three tasking offices which the collection committees will constitute in the new organization.

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QUESTION 15: What degree of military service participation is envisioned for the NITC? Will these personnel be detailed from the parent service or permanently assigned?

25X1 RESPONSE: About ☐ military personnel on detail from their parent service will be on regular rotation to the NITC.



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QUESTION 16: What procedures have been established for the transition of NITC control from the DCI to the Secretary of Defense during periods of crisis or war?

RESPONSE: None as yet. This is a clear requirement from Executive Order 12036 and will be addressed as quickly as possible once the NITC is in operation.

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